

# CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.  
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## EXTREMISTS MAKE SHIPWRECK

### If They Persist in Following Their Extreme Course.

#### Honest Convictions and Belief Might be Wrong.

Most of the readers of the Evangel want to be right. They pray to be right; they read to be right; they study to be right. In fact, it is their highest aim in life to be right and know they are right beyond the shadow of a doubt. This is the reason they hang so tenaciously to the Book they fully believe is right.

This class of people are gradually finding each other and joining themselves together. It is nature for people of like belief to affiliate with each other and associate together. It is such a comfort for people to be with those with who they can agree. This is what makes such sweet fellowship among the members of the Church of God.

While we are thus following the Book and enjoying the blessings that always follow a life of obedience, there are certain snags and rapids, whirl-pools and shoals that we must avoid if we succeed in landing our frail bark at the port on the other side. It is a common saying among our people; and we do not criticise them for it: "Show me the chapter and verse," for everything they don't just see readily.

The Bible is made up of sixty-six books, 1,189 chapters, 31,173 verses and 773,692 words. These are all put together so they read well and yet it is possible to read one part and dwell upon it and neglect the other part. Put it all together as a whole and there is a balance that hangs on the finest pivot. Remove some of the least and most insignificant part and the balance is broken. This has been the cause of all the shipwrecks strewn along the line from the golden days of the apostles until this present time.

Take out any verse, take out any chapter, take out any book and the balance is so effected that it renders the whole in a manner worthless. At the close of this wonder-

ful Book it is written that if any thing is added to it plagues will be added to those that do the adding. And if any thing is taken from it, from him that took it away shall be taken his part out of the book of life. So we purpose to accept it all and no more.

But there are other dangers that must be avoided. It is equally as dangerous to take a part from its proper place and set it over in another place where it does not belong. This, too, will break the equilibrium and spoil the effect. If I take the water from the cistern and put it in the machine shop to lubricate the machinery, and in turn fill the cistern with oil; or if I take sugar and mix it with the mortar and put sand in the sugar bowl, or if I put the locomotive in the shafts on the streets and the horse on the railroad, every body would call me a fool and I would surely be justly named. But this would be no more foolish than to transpose the Bible words and verses to places where they do not belong, and by doing this make it read differently. Paul shows the danger of dividing the Scripture wrong. Peter says that unlearned and unstable people are liable to wrest the Scriptures and thus bring destruction upon themselves.

There have been extremists in all ages. These have not been confined altogether to extreme religionists. But surely extreme religionists are the most lamentable, for this effects the soul and the result does not end in this world. There is a Scripture that reads that we should live righteously and godly in this present world, and there is another one that reads that we should not be righteous overmuch. Some do not believe we can live righteously in this present world and others do not think we can be over-righteous and thus we have a verse on either side to make the balance and press us to the middle. If I step to either side the balance is broken. If I stop below righteousness I make the balance too heavy on that side; if I become overmuch or ex-

tremely righteous I break the balance on that side. I have heard of people of whom it was said they were so straight that they leaned backward. It is the safest and only safe place, to stay right over the pivot.

In regulating our lives they should read like a story of the Bible written from end to end with nothing left out. Paul said of the Corinthians, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men." The life of Christ as a man on earth was a perfect pattern of this kind. The Scriptures picture just such a character as we read it from the beginning to the end. This is the very reason that the Jews faulted Him for breaking the Sabbath. He was not an extremist but was on the pivot and perfectly balanced. He told the Jews they strained at a gnat and swallowed a camel. He told those proud religious Pharisees that they were full of extortion and excess. He showed that they were strict about their tithes which he did not object to, but they omitted other things of importance. He acknowledged their zeal in making proselytes, but stated that when made they were twofold more the children of hell than they themselves.

There are two special dangers that we must avoid. That of slackness on the one hand and extreme strictness on the other. I knew a man some years ago who was extremely strict on his boys and when they grew up so they could make their own way they slipped away from home and the father grew old and never heard anything more from his darlings. How his father heart longed to see his boys as he grew old and needed their help in his old age. But it was too late. He drove them away by his extreme strictness.

On the other hand there are the children who grow up with no discipline. They are left to do as they please from infancy. The little fellows rule the home and grow up to manhood worthless and wicked. I have seen the little fellows turned loose in the house of worship and allowed to run about over the house and play as if there was

no service or sacred worship. It is not always the children of some outsiders when they come into service, but it is often the children of parents who are members of the Church of God, and sometimes the preacher's children while he preaches. A man that allows his children to go loose in such away is not fit for a preacher. He is not a good example for believers.

Extremists in the church can almost always be located by the appearance of a disposition to force others up to an extreme standard they have marked out in their mind, and if such do not come to that standard they are sharply criticised and accused of having no salvation and called black sliders. It is indeed necessary for all to hold up the high standard of the Bible, but the danger comes in trying to force people up there instead of leading them by the teaching and a beautiful example of patience, long-suffering, kindness and gentleness.

Call attention to some who have lost their influence and apparently ruined their usefulness because of a slackness in dealing out the Word and objecting to discipline and government. Would not fail

to notice the other extreme of forcing members to come up to a certain standard or turning them out of the church, without giving them time or chance. Either extreme will place a minister in position that he has no calls and no body wants him. If he has meeting anywhere he has to force himself on the people. It is certainly a sad plight for a preacher to get so there is no demand for him when there are thousands of open doors. When one gets on extremes on any line until he is not wanted he should surely humble himself before God and pray and cry and take off weights and put on weights until he will balance. When one is in good balance, I'm sure he will have more calls than he can fill.

Extremists will make shipwreck if they persist in following their extreme course. A person might be very zealous for certain extreme views and honest in his belief and still be wrong. But we have the Bible as a whole by which to measure our lives. The Holy Ghost is given to balance us up as He guides into all truth. And there is the beautiful life of Jesus marked out for us to follow who always kept on a perfect balance.

### Interesting Incident—The Evangel in the Hands of God

(After we get the paper all ready for mailing and in the mail bags, we pile them up in a bunch together and gather around them and have a prayer service, committing the little dove of peace into the hands of God and ask His blessing upon it so it may be made a blessing to all that may chance to come in contact with it.)

Not far from the town of C—G—, lives a man who is very strong against holiness and holiness literature coming into his home.

One day a daughter of his who has the Holy Ghost came to visit at her father's home. She brought the "Evangel" with her for her mother to read. While her mother was reading the paper the gentleman walked up and took the paper out of her hands and threw it into the fire place, and walked on out of the house. The paper was drawn up into the chimney and remained there till he

was gone and then fell down and the wind carried it out on the hearth. She took it up and read it clear through; her husband thinking all the while that it was burned up.

Tillatoba, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank God this morning that I am still in the fight. Just closed a ten days' meeting in the delta and God gave us victory. Several saved and sanctified. Three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with Bible evidence. Baptized eleven in water, set the church in order with seventeen members, administered the Lord's supper, and washed the saints' feet.

Praise God, He was with us in power. People fell under the power. Thank God for these last days when He is getting people ready for His second coming. Praise God for the Church of God. I feel more determined to go through this morning. I have the deep settled peace in my soul. Pray that God will still bless the church and add to it.

Your brother under the blood, D. W. Dollahite.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

The church house at Blairsville Ga. was destroyed by fire on the night of the 23rd of last month. This is the third one burned for them there, but the brethren say they don't expect to give it up. They need our prayers while the opposition is so strong against them.

Word comes from Virginia that they are still handling fire with no injury. God is with them and the work is prospering under the supervision of the state overseer H. L. Trim. This sounds good to us. We are expecting great things in Virginia this year.

The work at Parkersburg West Va. is prospering in spite of the oppositions of the enemy. Eighteen were baptized with the Holy Ghost in about seven days, after the church was set in order by brother Payne. W. M. Rumler is doing fine work there.

We want to thank all the workers who are faithfully laboring to extend the circulation of the Evangel; and wish to kindly insist that every reader lend their assistance and try to secure other subscriptions. Remember when you succeed in placing a one dollar subscription in a home it means a gospel message in that home every week for a whole year. Note the good that you can do in this way.

We have just cause for praise and thanks-giving for the small amounts that are constantly coming in for the Assembly buildings. Although the amounts are small

yet these pave the way for larger sums that we are sure will follow soon.

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### Arcadia, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints Scattered Abroad:

Greeting in Jesus precious name—I feel like sounding a note of praise in the little white winged messenger.

We always welcome its arrival and drink in its contents for it is spiritual food to our souls.

I am praising God for full and free salvation and the way He has been blessing us here. We have a very good Sunday school about forty in attendance.

I praise God that the great Church of God is coming to the front.

I sure enjoyed the piece in the paper on Sunday school work. I wish all of pastors and evangelists would wake up to Sunday school work and the interest of our children. Give more instructions about training our boys and girls. Parents should take more interest and pray more for the children. You know how hard we had to pray for salvation and all we have gotten from God we had to dig for it. We have to get low and humble and really in earnest about our children and get the burden on our hearts before we will ever see them saved and living for God. We must all have that white heated love and use wisdom at all times, and keep sweet in our souls no matter how things go. I praise God for a greater zeal and determination to live for God and follow on after Him in the straight and narrow way.

I wish every Church of God had a Sunday school. If there is any church that can get a Sunday school started but is not able to buy the literature for the first time, we would be glad to pay for a supply of literature for them and get them started. Let everybody see if they can't find some place to work and have a good Sunday school.

It is the life of the church and is the place to get the children started right.

We are expecting brother V. W. Kennedy here the last of the month to hold a meeting. Pray that God will work in a wonderful way and get hold of the hearts of the people.

The pastor, brother Cross, comes twice a month. We are expecting our state Overseer Sunday. Pray much for us at this place.

Yours in Christ,  
W. E. Guthrie.  
Box 494.

### Greer, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All of the Saints:

Greeting in Jesus' precious name—I praise God this morning for salvation. Bless His dear name. I praise His name this morning because when I was lost and unprepared to meet God that He looked down upon me in mercy and saved my poor soul. I want to ask God's children to pray for me that I may ever stand true to my Redeemer.

Yours in Christ,  
H. J. Skinner.

### Dallas, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God because He saved and sanctified me and I want all the dear readers to pray that I may receive the blessed Holy Ghost.

Praise His name. He has healed my body so many times I can't praise Him enough for what He has done for me.

I am praising God because the light has come to me. Pray for my dear mother, brothers and sisters that we may be an undivided family in heaven.

Please send us the Evangel, it's food to the soul and we just can't do without it in our home. It is so sweet.

Pray for me.  
Salema Warren.

### Emlyn, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want this testimony to find its way into the little white-winged messenger for the glory of God. Glory to His precious name.

I was taken real sick with, I guess, kidney and bladder trouble. I had no doctor. I suffered untold agonies until God in his infinite mercy said, "It is enough," and according to my faith was healed. Glory to his matchless name. In the meantime, I had a severe cold which I thought was la grippe and I was instantly healed of that trouble. Although Satan tempts me severely I am holding on to God's unchanging hand and I mean to continue doing so, live or die.

I earnestly desire the prayers of all the saints who read this.

Your sister under the blood,  
Judie Potter.

P. S. The holiness people here are trying to build a

church house. We are poor in this world's goods and anything that any one might send us will be appreciated.

### Dallas, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for sending brother Richard to this place. I believe he has sown good seed that will spring up and bring forth good fruit. We were so glad to have brother Richard in our home, we miss him so much. I pray that God will wonderfully bless him in his work every where he goes.

I want all the dear saints to pray for this place and for me. I praise Jesus for this wonderful blessing He has given me. I am going to trust Him and help fight the battle until the victory is won. I praise God for this high way of holiness, it makes us love our enemies and makes us want everybody saved.

May the Lord bless the Church of God every where and the Evangel family.

Yours awaiting His coming,  
Bell Warren.

### Parkersburg, West Va.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I write once again to let you know I am still on the Lord's side. Glory, Hallelujah! My cup is running over with love. How I cry and pray for the poor souls that are on the downward road.

I thank God for answering my prayers. My mamma was saved, sanctified and baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost and talked in tongues. I can't thank the Lord enough for giving her this blessing and two days after she received the Holy Ghost I also received the blessing. Glory to God. It is glory all the way. The power is falling. Some say we are crazy and have lost our minds, and glory to God I am glad I did lose my mind and have the mind of Christ.

I can't hardly explain how I feel but there is glory in my soul. I thought I was happy when I was saved but since I have been sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost it is still better. I am delighted with this way and if it gets any better I don't know whether the town will hold me or not. I want all that Jesus has for me. It is glory, glory all the way, I just can't keep still.

I thank God so much for sending brother Rumler here with the pure gospel. If they all are like brothers Payne and Rumler I would like to meet them. I love to be with God's children. Those

preaching the true gospel are welcome at our house any time. Pray for me that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet and do His will.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Cleo Wolfe.

### Gastonia, N. C.

Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to sound a note of praise to our God. I am thanking Him for His keeping power. I want to do more for my blessed Savior this year than ever before for I feel I have done so little for Him. Praise His dear name. We have a few saints in Gastonia which, I believe will stand until the end. We need a church in which to worship God but we have only our homes. We need a Sunday school also. I sure do love Sunday school. Pray that God will give us means to build a church.

I thank God for the little white-winged messenger. I am so glad to get it every Monday morning for it is food to my soul to read about the saints being blessed and how some are handling fire. Oh how my weary soul is thirsting to be in a meeting of that kind. I thank God for the Holy Ghost that still abides in my soul today.

I am so glad salvation's free to all who will receive it, Glad that the news was bro't to me when I was lost and sad; Praise His dear name, I can proclaim that truly I believe it, For I am now His child I know, and I'm so glad.

Glory, honor, be to His name forever Never a greater Friend the sinful race has had, Love Him, praise Him, Jesus the matchless Savior, He has redeemed this soul of mine, and I'm so glad.

Your sister,  
Lucy A. Lee.

### Maitland, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I will give a few words which were given by Wesley just before he died in regard to Methodism. I thought it would be good for the Church of God:

"There are four capital principles like pillars that uphold this divinely ordered movement."

Doctrine, experience, practice and discipline. Emphasize doctrine alone and you make antinomians.

Emphasize experience alone and you make fanatics.

Emphasize practice alone and you make a Pharisee.

Emphasize all these to the neglect of discipline and it will be like a man who planted a vineyard without a hedge, thereby exposing it as a prey to every wild boar of the forest.

Yours in Christ,  
C. M. Padgett.

## Spiritual Life and Power

SAM C. PERRY.

The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is not merely a life of forms and ceremonies and outward ordinances, but a spiritual force within the human soul. It is true that the outward ordinances, duties, etc., must be attended to, but there is no amount of outward service and show that can be of any profit, if the inner heart is not in touch with Jesus the source of all life and power.

How easy it seems for some to overlook the spiritual side of this vital union with Jesus, as they get their eyes on outward things. No doubt there has always been this tendency to formality. We have been accustomed to calling a religion "formal" where the worshipers emphasized membership, ordinances, etc., and neglected the blood of atonement and cleansing, and strict daily living for Christ, but is it not true that there is a good deal of formality even among many who claim to be deeply spiritual? How often something or other takes the place of, or hinders, that close touch we should have with God at all times. Whereas, that thought which should ever be uppermost in the Christian's heart is his union with Christ through the Spirit. Our outward life may be above reproach, while the inner spiritual man is far from the fullness of life and power in Christ.

The church at Thessalonica lived "in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ." The way they found this place is stated, the gospel came to them "not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and much assurance." This touch with God is what constituted them God's church, without this they could not have been God's church. This point of living in touch with God in the spirit is certainly the vital question, as with God's church in all time.

Those who have this spiritual life and power, which comes from contact with God, show it in their outward conduct.

First their life will be in harmony with the commands and words of Jesus. Truth, honesty and integrity will always be uppermost. This is the natural element in which a spiritually minded person lives. That which is out of accord with the Scriptures or savors of deception or unrighteousness in any way is an abhorrence to the man who loves God.

Second, his spirit in deal-

ing with all is love, kindness and patience. There is absolutely nothing that can take the place of a sweet Christ-like disposition in a servant of God. If we have not the spirit of Christ we are simply "None of His." So many these days profess to be God's, but this beautiful distinguishing Christian characteristic is sadly lacking. This is a pretty good test of our standing in Christ.

Third, the life and power of Jesus in the human heart brings real power in the daily walk and life. Power or ability to do things for God, power to suffer for Him, power to lift up the Savior in the eyes of men, power to be true to Him under all the various trials, temptations, hardships, misunderstandings, and whatever may be met on life's journey.

There are some definite steps whereby men get into this life of union and fellowship with God.

There must be the getting rid of sin. The practice of sin, is entirely contrary to the life that is in Christ, there is no harmony between the two, and never can be, so if we would enjoy Christ sin must be put away. Men may continue to profess the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ and go on sinning, but if they actually have salvation the sinning business has been given up. "If any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature, old things are passed away, and all things are become new."

Then for the fuller development of the life of Jesus in the heart there must be the cleansing or purifying from all unrighteousness. Jesus said that "every branch that beareth fruit in him, he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit." Deep spiritual life is found with none but the pure in heart. Holiness becometh thine house O Lord forever." The Lord's plan for His church is that she shall be as a "chaste virgin", pure from all sin and a sinful defilement.

And further, it is necessary for us to notice that the normal condition of the spiritual life of the new Testament, is the fullness of the Holy Ghost. "Be filled with the Spirit." Nothing outside of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost can possibly bring us into the fullness of the life of Christ. We may make excuses for our weaknesses and failures and try to commend ourselves, but nothing else will do but

for us to press on into the fullness of life in Jesus and only thus may we be found in Him without spot at His glorious appearing.

### Notice.

We just returned last night from our mountain work where we put out two thousand five hundred and fifty pounds of clothing. The Lord wonderfully blest us during these eight days.

Well, it is wonderful to see the people come from one to twenty-seven miles after the clothing. One widow and her little girl walked twenty-seven miles one day and back the next. They got all the clothes they could carry. We seen children who had not had any shoes on their feet this winter, and were wading in the mud and ice. Boys from three to ten years old had been going all winter without any coats.

We had a barrel of candy given us for the mountain children, by the Sunday school children of the Assembly in Zion City Ill., which we gave out January 30th.

There was a large crowd of men, women and children with us on that day. We read Eph. 6th chapter and talked to the children. There were many hearts made glad that day.

Our expenses from Cleveland to destination including freights, hauling in wagons etc. was \$35.60 without my own personal expense. But we do praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings, and for the little hearts that were made glad, and for the confidence they have in us.

Anything you wish to send will be very much appreciated.

Address W. F. Bryant,  
2508 Gaut St.  
Cleveland, Tenn.

### Wytheville, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greeting in Jesus name to all the saints of God, and to all who have written me while I have been in prison—Your letters were a comfort to me. God bless you all. As I sit in here and read the good old Bible I can see plainer every day that we, the Church of God, are following Jesus. Jesus said, "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you." (Jno. 15:20.) Paul said, "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake." (Phil. 1:29.) James said, "Take, my brethren, the prophets,

who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure." (Jas. 5:10,11.) We have been looking for Jesus to come and He is no doubt coming soon, but we may suffer many things first.

Your brother in prison for Christ's sake,  
Walter Barney.

### Erastus, N. C.

Dear Evangel Family:

I want to testify to my healing for the glory of God. For seven days I was in great agony with rheumatism and kidney trouble. During this time I was praying God to send some of His saints to pray for me. The Lord sent brothers E. D. Hopskins and C. G. Coggins who offered the prayer of faith and God answered in five minutes and I was healed. All the soreness is gone. Hallelujah! Glory to God!

This has incread my faith and has also given my husband greater faith. The neighbors are surprised and marvel at my healing.

I am seventy-one years old and am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in other tongues. I am also a member of the Church of God. Let every one help me praise God for this miracle.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. P. E. Wilson.

### Craneater, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All of the Dear Saints:

I feel led to write and tell you how the Lord has blessed me and I feel that my dear Savior still abides with me this morning.

I want the Lord to bless brother and sister Anderson for coming here and preaching the full gospel. They run a ten days meeting, about two miles from where I live, in an old mill house. The happiest hours I ever spent was in that old mill one Sunday morning when the Lord came in and spoke peace to my soul. I just can't praise Him enough. I don't get to go to preaching much but, thank God, I just pray and talk in tongues at home.

Dear saints, let us all pray at home just the same as we do at church. I think everyone should hold family prayers and if you do the Lord is sure to bless you I know for I have tried it.

Let us all pray earnestly for the brother in prison.

Pray that he will be faithful for the sunny side will come after while and then

he will rejoice that he ever suffered. I pray the Lord will bless and comfort his dear wife and little children and supply them with every need.

I want the prayers of all the dear saints for I have a hard time trying to live for my dear Savior. It seems I am almost alone. I pray earnestly each day that my dear husband may come in this way. I pray and watch patiently for I feel that the coming of our Lord is near.

Let us work for the Lord. I believe the Lord has a work for each one of His children to do. I want to be that faithful servant whom, when the Lord cometh shall find so doing. Let us pray that we may rejoice at the persecutions and not go about wearing a long face. Let us do good to them that despitefully use us. Let us all be found at the front of the battle fighting for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Your little sister in Christ,  
Mvrtie Fricks.

### Wimauma, Fla.

Dear Evangel family:

Greeting in the precious name of Jesus—How I praise God this morning for victory in my soul and for the way the Lord is leading and blessing us down here.

Our Christmas meeting closed with a great victory won for the Lord. Praise His name. I never saw such love and unity prevail. The power fell and the saints played on the piano under the power of the Spirit, danced, talked in tongues and shouted, also the sick was marvelously healed. It was the best Christmas of my life. Glory, hallelujah!

Beloved the Church of God at Wimauma is out and out for Jesus, forsaking all creeds, associations, unions, insurances and everything for Jesus and we are marching on to victory.

How I praise God for the love He has given me for the children of God and for lost souls.

I tell you, beloved, we are standing for the whole truth down here and souls are getting blest. The church and the pastor are working to make this coming year better than the past.

Your sister under the blood of Jesus looking for His coming.

Mrs. H. B. Simmons.

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Crab Orchard, Tenn.

My Dear Brother Tomlinson:  
Greetings in Jesus' precious name—I thank God for victory in my soul which keeps me every day and hour of my life. Glory, I sure feel like shouting today. We sure had some shouting last night. The power fell in such away that the old and young danced and shouted together. We had a wonderful meeting.

My husband is a mrtthodist. He has quit his tobacco and I want you to help me pray for him. Pray for me also that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet until He comes. Praise His name. A man has built a house four miles from Crab Orchard and is intending to deed it to the Church of God. They want to start a Sunday school and also want to get a preacher to come and hold a meeting. They want Johnnie Cagle to come any time that he can.

It is wonderful the way the Lord is working in this little place. We do not have any interpreter here, please help us pray for one. We have some one to pray for the sick but we need an interpreter. I am afraid I do not pray enough for this. I prayed for the gift but God told me to go ahead praying for the sick. We sure have to live close to God to obtain these gifts.

I thank God for keeping me close to His side in spite of old satan. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and giving me the blessed Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues.

The new church which is being built is Penn's Chapel. All pray for the church and also the one which built the house. We must not light our candle and put it under a bushel but "must let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify God."

Please pray for the little band here for some are weak. I praise God that I am living closer every day of my life.

Your sister in Christ,  
Florence Hassler.

Harrisonville, Ohio.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to send in my testimony. I was filled with the Holy Ghost nearly two years ago and I am still praising the Lord. There are no Church of God people here. We moved here from Virginia about four months ago. Walter Barney, whom they have in jail, is our son. I am praising God that some are going to stand no matter what the cost may be. Please pray for Walter Barney that

God will get him glory out of his experience.

I certainly enjoy the paper, it is such a help to me for I have not been to meeting since we moved here. My husband is seeking the Holy Ghost. Please pray for him. I want all of God's people to pray that my body may be healed. I want God to have his way with me.

Nancy Hutchens.

Port Inglis, Fla.

Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God this morning for sparing me another year. Praise His name for speaking peace to my soul one year ago the 24th day of this January and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost. Glory to Jesus.

I had been a member of the baptist church twelve years and thought I knew a great deal about the Lord but I found that I did not for I had never heard the right teaching of His blessed word until I heard it at Bradentown Fla., in 1913. I believed and loved this Bible way and praise God. He sent brother Buckalew over to Manatee from Bradentown where I could attend the meetings, and God blessed me and took me into His little band of saints. I praise His name today for saving me and my family. My children are young but they soon learned to trust the Lord for their healing and then my dear husband learned to trust Him for His great healing power. It brings great joy to my soul when I think of all His blessings to us. Pray that we may grow stronger in the Lord and ever be humble at Jesus' feet.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Lillie M. Crans.

Blanche, Ky.

To the Dear Saints Scattered Abroad:

May God help you to fire the battle until death for we believe Jesus will soon come.

I want to thank God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues as the Bible evidence for when He comes in He speaks for Himself.

Brother McLain was the first to come to Blanche and give the people the Word.

The Lord honored his work here. We are prying for the Lord to send brother McLain or some other brother back here to finish the work brother McLain started. We need help here. Pray that God will send brother McLain back to Blanche, Ky.

The devil howls but God is more than a match for

him. Praise God for victory. We can overcome by the power of God.

Dear saints pray that the Church of God may flourish in Blanche, Ky.

Your brother in Christ, under the blood,

Rice Griffin.

Copperhill, Tenn.

Greetings to the Evangel:

We have had a wonderful meeting at this place. Brother T. A. Richard came here December 25th and began a meeting. It seemed like it was going to be a failure and brother Richard talked of leaving but we insisted on him staying and he decided to stay and the victory came at last. There were four baptized with the Holy Ghost two saved and several seekers at the altar. Many seem to be interested.

I want to praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost in this meeting.

Arthur Tarpley.

Armuchee, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to testify to what God is doing in these last days. I have been in some good meetings for more than three years but never have I seen the power of God manifested in such a wonderful way as I have in the last few weeks. Glory to His name.

Brother W. A. Walker was with us on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday we had a baptizing and I had the privilege of baptizing a brother who was about sixty-five years old. He was a baptist preacher for twenty-two years but God gave Him the Holy Ghost and he is now in the Church of God. Hallelujah!

Sunday night the Lord put His power on the saints to handle fire. Some handled live coals of fire, danced in the fire and brother Walker handled a hot lamp globe and fire. Amidst the power that the Lord poured out two received the Holy Ghost. It is wonderful what the Lord is doing. In Luke 10:19. Jesus says, "Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents" and beloved, I want to say He gives His people power to go in the fire. He is just the same God now as when He took care of the Hebrew children. Praise His precious name. Dear saints we have been asking God to help us so let us keep on and look for more wonderful things yet.

Your brother,  
A. D. Owens.

Southside, Tenn.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I praise God because His glory is flooding my soul, even now. Praise His sweet name forever, His praises are continually in my mouth and truly my cup runneth over. Hallelujah to God. I praise God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost.

In a meeting held by brother and sister T. L. McLain in September 1914 on the night of the 29th a flood of joy and sweet peace swept over my soul which still remains. Bless His sweet name.

Day by day I have a new supply and the food is never stale nor dry.

I praise God for sparing me when I used to mock, sneer and laugh at them. I didn't hate them. For two or three years since I married I have believed in them.

They held out so faithful and had such joy and bright faces, I knew they had something which I did not. I began to attend the meetings, having no idea of seeking for the blessing but one night I went to the altar and began praying and He sanctified me. It just seemed I never could quit shouting. The devil tempted me but now I know he is a liar for Psalms 32 says, Rejoice ye righteous and shout for joy all ye that are upright in heart.

I had to repent of the way I had offended His little ones.

After I was sanctified I went to the altar three times before I felt the least bit of power, but the Comforter came and though they burn me at the stake I will be true to the faith. Bless the name of Jesus, He showers His blessings down on me here at home.

I feel like sometimes that a few persecutions would make me stronger for they cause us to pray more.

I want to praise Him for healing my baby. I called brother McLain to pray for her, but for a week she became worse, husband insisted on giving her medicine but I kept on praying, she continued getting worse but finally the victory came and the baby was healed and a drop of medicine has never been given her. The Lord has healed me also with out calling on any one but God.

Praise the Lord. Jesus is all this world to me. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. I live about five or six miles from the mission but I get to go real often if I don't get to ride I walk and go but I can do it for Jesus.

Pray for this place, there are only two of us who have the Holy Ghost. Pray for

my husband that God will make a christian worker out of him. Pray until you hear from me that he is traveling the highway of holiness with me.

May God's richest blessings rest on each dear child of His.

Your sister under the blood,

Mrs. Garner B. Hagewood.

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